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SUBJ: TRANSFER OF MINISTER OF FINANCE MORALES-BERMUDEZ RUMORED

REF: LIMA 6718

1. REFTEL REPORTED THAT BRIG. GEN. GUILLERMO MARCO DEL PONT, CHIEF OF NATIONAL PLANNING INSTITUTE, WILL HEAD PERUVIAN DELEGATION TO IMF/BRD MEETING IN NAIROBI IN PLACE OF FINANCE MINISTER, GENERAL MORALES-BERMUDEZ. SOURCE IN POSITION TO BE WELL INFORMED HAS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS THAT SUBSTITUTION IS IN ANTICIPATION OF TRANSFER OF MORALES-BERMUDEZ AND ASSUMPTION OF FINANCE MINISTRY PORTFOLIO BY MARCO DEL PONT. SOURCE SAID MOVE, WHICH WOULD TAKE PLACE AT YEAR-END, HAD BEEN SOUGHT BY MORALES-BERMUDEZ WHO WANTS A SENIOR MILITARY ASSIGNMENT.

2. USDEL TO IMF/IBRD MEETING MAY WISH TO BEAR FOREGOING IN MIND IN ANY CONTACTS THEY MAY HAVE WITH MARCO DEL PONT AT NAIROBI.

3. COMMENT: REPORT HAS RING OF TRUTH SINCE THIS TRANSFER WAS RUMORED LAST YEAR BUT MORALES-BERMUDEZ WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN PREVAILED UPON TO REMAIN AS FINANCE MINISTER FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR. DATT SOURCES INDICATE THAT MORALES-BERMUDEZ, WHOSE DATE OF MILITARY RETIREMENT IS NOT UNTIL 1978, WANTS TO RETURN TO MILITARY MAINSTREAM (PRESUMABLY AS CHIEF OF STAFF) IN ORDER

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EVENТУALLY TO ASSUME MORE SENIOR GOVERNMENT POST.

4. MARCO DEL PONT IS CONSIDERED TO BE A MODERATE AND IS
WELL REGARDED BY EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO HAVE COME IN CONTACT
WITH HIM.
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